# OPIUM BILL AGAIN

## Senator Brown Introduces Same Act As At Last Session

Passed First Reading-Other Measures.

#### SENATE.

Eleventh Day, February 28.

The introduction of Senator Brown's evil one. Optum Bill, and a motion to summarily reject it on the first reading, precipitated a long discussion on the merits of the bill. Before the motion to reject was finally lost by a vote of 8 to 5, and the bill sent to the Printing Committee, the opinions of the Senators were thoroughly ventilated.

When Senator Brown had finished reading his bill, Senator Waterhouse instantly moved its rejection. He spoke at considerable length in support of his motion. His plea was for consistency of action. He thanked Senator Brown for bringing in the bill so early in the session. The Senate could thus show to the world at once that its verdict was irrevocably in opposition to licensing the drug, that it was consistent. Since its inception the Government of the Republic had been opposed to opium, why should it change its position now and go back on a principle of right?

The Senator read extracts from the Marshal's report in which the licensing of the sale of opium was recommended and stated that in his opinion it was about time that the departments were investigated if it was impossible for them to properly enforce the laws. "Why does not the Marshal advocate the licensing of the fa and other gambling games?" asked the Senator. They were all evils and the Marshal should advocate changing the systems instead of licensing the worst evils. The speaker charged the various departments with clashing in their attempts to preserve public safety and asked what result could be expected under such a condition. Evidently there was something behind it all of which the public knew nothing.

"Let us enforce the laws we have on the statute books at present, and have all the departments working together for the suppression of vice, before we think of bringing in new laws," said Senator Waterhouse in closing.

Senator Baldwin asked that no hasty conclusion be reached on such an important subject. He asked that at least the matter be allowed consideration in committee, provided Senator Brown asked such disposition. Personally he was opposed to licensing opium. Previous to the last session Senator Brown had consistently voted against all such bills. To his mind this was a reason why it should be considered in committee.

In defense of his bill Senator Brown said that last year he had found that it would be lost in passage and that rather than waste the time of the Senate he had not taken it from committee. During the past two years he had carefully observed the operation under the present prohibitory act and he had become thoroughly convinced that the sooner some such bill as he now advocated was passed, the sooner the country would be freed from the rumors now being circulated concerning the departments and the use of opium, and accusations against officials would

That there is plenty of opium in the country, and that the prohibitory law was inoperative, was sufficiently clear to his mind because of the present low price of opium in Honolulu as compared to what it had been in years past. Yet the present price of oplum was greatly in excess of what it is in countries where its sale is carefully regulated. In Hongkong, No. 1 Hongkong opium is selling at \$10 a pound; in Hopolulu on Saturday last the price was \$17. In San Francisco, No. 1, Califorsmuggling.

sentiment. The majority who opposed it today did so from sentiment for the referred to the Printing Committee. Hawaiians. But of what effect was the against one another there must be aster. something wrong somewhere. Could it be connivance? He held that the Gov- tention of introducing a bill providing ernment, inasmuch as it found itself for the issuing of Royal patents on the unable to cope with the evil under the Kapiolani park lots now leased from present laws, should try other laws. the Park Association. Put the license law on the statute easily be repealed.

in the consumption of opium by Hawai- Printing Committee. ians. In many parts of the Islands they were already addicted to the use of the completing the Oahu Railway line in drug. In Kooloa as many as every other Hawaiian was an opium fiend. Leav- troduced his opium bill. ing the question of revenue out of the opium under the control of the Police paid out of the loan fund.

Department Senator Baldwin said the question o'clock. was not one which should be decided

censed, this one might be.

Chinamen and opium fiends.

An opium license, the Senator argu- Senate then adjourned. ed, had a demoralizing effect upon the national character. It was the same in the United States under the slavery system. Many slaves were in better condition than they were today, but the effect upon the country was an

The Attorney General entered a plea marily. He was personally opposed to licensing opium. Every stime it had been licensed its use had increased, esopium would tend to regulate its use. He considered it a subject to be considered with the greatest care. Those who knew most about it approached it its first reading.

Senator Wright asked that more time tion was apropos of the Attorney Gen- sideration. eral's expressed wish that the bill re-

Senator McCandless struck a note of warning for the future. In the event of annexation, which seemed of Finance; "Will the Minister of Fininevitable, the Islands would come un- ance kindly inform this House if there der United States laws. Did the Legis- are employes of the Custom House, lature propose to let annexation come non-registered voters. If so, how many Senate should not blind itself to the present conditions. The Government they appointed in preference to voters seemed powerless to prevent the smuggling of opium because of the great extent of coast line. The already efficoast. As far as preventing Hawaiivinced of this from his personal observations. The present system of of \$100,000 a year or so for sentiment. Civil Code. There was no revenue in it. He believed a commission should be appoint-

opium question. He considered it his public square, the undersigned pray on Saturday night. ernment to look into the future and legislate for all time. The struggle should be without cessation. If any from this Legislature. country needed to start on sound principles it is Hawaii because Hawaii is weak. There are so many elements that it is much more difficult to maintain good government than it is in communities where principles of government are well grounded in established institutions. Minister Damon said he believed in spending half the revenues of the country in opposing opium. He said he would willingly devote his life to the moral interests of the country.

Attorney-General Smith said that the system in Hongkong as he saw it there made the use of opium more moderate. Here prohibition operated to restrict its use to a certain extent. His observation since 1860 was that licensing it here would increase the consumption.

Senator Schmidt argued from the commercial standpoint. He believed that the busines part of the community should be protected. He knew it to be a fact that there were houses where opium was imported in goods. The goods were sold at sacrifice prices, and the profit made on the opium.

The motion to reject the onlym bill was them put to an aye and no vote nia opium is selling at \$5 a pound; in and was lost, 8 to 5, Senators Kauhana, Honolulu it is \$10. Licensing the sale Lyman, Northrup, Waterhouse and would in his opinion put an end to Rice voting aye; Senators Holstein, Hocking, Baldwin, Brown, McCandless. For years the Senator had voted Schmidt, Wright and Wilcox voting no; against opium bills, he said, because of Senator Horner absent and President Wilder not voting. The bill was then

A communication was received from sentiment for the Hawaiians, when the House announcing the passage of they could buy all the opium wished the joint resolution of sympathy to the today? If the departments are pulling United States because of the Maine dis-

Senator Brown gave notice of his in-

Senator Brown's bill to amend the books for a year and if at the end of street extension act, to permit of work that time it was unsuccessful it could being done on Fort, Kukui, Vineyard, Kuakini, Bates, Pensacola, Mililani, Senator Brown believed that licens- Queen and Young streets passed the ing the sale would make no difference first reading and was referred to the

> His bill to extend the time limit for certain district was read. He then in-

The rules were suspended to allow consideration entirely, a license bill Minister Damon to reply to the queswould at least put the sale and use of tions relating to work being done to be

At 11:45 the Senate adjourned to 1:30 At the afternoon session, Senate bill according to the personal prejudices or No. 3, appropriating money for unpaid lowing was the score for the first three opinions of the legislators. They should bills and for claims against the Gov- shoots:

or smuggling? He believed that the deportation of Cranstoun and Miller garoos 44, W. Evens 32, Captain Ben- a suitable physician to fill the place majority of the people were opposed to was voted together with interest at 6 net 26-366 licensing the sale. If they wished it, per cent. as an amendment. There was then it should be licensed, but he could agreement after discussion to \$3,250 for not see the force of the Marshal's argu- Dunwell, who was imprisoned in 1895. ment that because other evils were li- Senator Brown objected to this. He held that the Government had many The Senator said that there had been precedents for the refusal from British an increase in the use of opium by Ha- records. The bill for services at the waiians on the two occasions when it Quarantine Station which the Advisory had been licensed. People who had Council refused to allow was referred grown up in the country had seen the to the Finance Committee. Senator evil effects upon them and this was one Holstein moved for an item of \$3,500 of the reasons why he opposed its use for the special session of the upper A DISCUSSION ON ITS MERITS under the sanction of a license law to- House to ratify the annexation treaty. day. In his opinion many Hawaiians This was reduced by vote to \$500, on who smoked opium became addicted to motion of Senator McCandless, who its use during the license periods. The thought that expenses alone should be Senate Refuses to Reject the Bill. present system, even though there was paid. Action was deferred on a numa sharing of fines, restricted its use to ber of other items and several were in every way for the place. He sucreferred to the Finance Committee. The

#### HOUSE.

Tenth Day, February 28.

Representative Kahaulelio presented a petition from Molokai expressing disfor a respectful consideration of the satisfaction at House bill No 3, provid-Representative Kahaulelio presented pecially among young Chinamen. If it another petition, this from Lahaina was decided to liceense the sale, the li- District, asking for an appropriation of cense should not be too high. A duty on \$600 for a bridge at Olowalu. Referred.

Representative Robertson presented his minority report on House bill No. with the greatest temerity. He said he | 1 provided for the suspension of senhoped the bill would not be rejected on tences in certain cases. He recommended its indefinite postponement. J. Forbes, treasurer and A. H. Smith, be given before a final vote was taken. Report accepted and laid on the table, Senator Waterhouse objected to to be brought up with the majority re-Ministerial interference." His objec- port when the bill is taken up for con-

Representative Pogue propounded the ceive further consideration before its following question to the Attorney final disposition. He cited as an exam- General: Have orders been given the ple of the evil effects of licensing Sheriff of Maui to transfer from that opium, the Marquesas Islands. The district to Honolulu all prisoners whose results had been so demoralizing that sentences are for more than three it had become necessary to forbid its months? If so, please give your reasons for so doing.

Other questions were as follows: Representative Kaeo to the Minister upon them with hands down? The and are they elegible to qualify as voters upon application and why were of the Republic of Hawaii."

Representative Achi to the Minister of Finance: "Please to state if any orcient force could not patrol the whole ders from either the Finance Department or from the Postmaster General ans from securing opium, they could have been given the postmasters in the get it now of almost every Chinaman country district not to cash any police at the rice plantations. He was con- orders. If so, please state the reason for the order?'

Representative Loebenstein express sharing fines was demoralizing to the ed his intenton to introduce a bill repolice and customs department. The lating to the maintenance of highways prohibitory system was simply a drain and amending certain sections of the

The rules were suspended and Representative Kaai read the following comed to thoroughly investigate the con- munication from a committee at the Settlement on Molokai: "In accord-Minister Damon made an eloquent ance with resolutions adopted at the argument on the moral phase of the Settlement in a meeting held on the lulu Iron Works in Independence Park that a select committee from the House be sent to the Settlement to make investigation into the needs of the place against opium and kindred evils in order to obtain proper recognition

At the request of the Attorney General, the House referred the communihere, the civilization is so complex, Health, with instructions to confer murder on Maui, must hang. with the same committee from the Senate, The Attorney-General said he David and Cupid looking to the conwas anxious to have a committee go to the settlement to investigate the track on the Makiki baseball grounds. needs of the place aside from the Board of Health.

> following Acts which passed first uty Sheriff King out of Court yesterreading: 1. To allow assignees to prosecute

> actions in their own names in certain lulu Rapid Transit Company, made a cases. 2. Regulating the publication of the

reports of decisions of the Supreme Court Representative Gear read his bill re-

lating to choses in action. Passed first reading. Representative Achi introduced a re-

solution to the effect that an item of \$300 each be inserted in the appropriation bill for the building of jailors' houses in North Kohala, Walmea, Kai- confident that there are fortunes awaitlua, Hookena and Waialua, Kona; also an appropriation of \$200 for a jail at gions of Alaska. Mahukona, Hawali. Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

item of \$2,500 be inserted in the appro- old Fort street church. priation bill for the maintenance of a mountain road from Ukumehame and list of missing from the lost steamer Maalaea, Maui. Referred to Commit- Clara Nevada Williams was an entee on Internal Improvements.

ed a further resolution to the effect Australia. that each member of the House be given 12 two-cent stamps each week until the close of the session. This was amended by the Attorney-General United States Government would disgiving each member 50 two-cent stamps. Carried.

Representative Kaai moved for an appropriation of \$600 for a Court House at Kinahulu. This was laid on the table to be brought up with the bill. Representative Loebenstein read his bill on road supervisors in chief.

Passed first reading. Representative Robertson expressed his intention to introduce a bill to has elected the following officers for define and establish the rights and du- the ensuing year: Theo. H. Davies, ties of bicyclers, riders and users of president; F. M. Swanzy, vice-presibicycles, bicycle tandems and other dent; W. H. Baird, treasurer; J. C.

Adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

#### First Heat.

to other Citizen Guard companies was taken up by Clarence Crabbe. Fol- sugar and 5,000 bunches of bananas.

35, Chas. Wells 42, S. A. Greene 37, Storey 41, E. H. Greene 38, Jas. Torbert 42, "Pop" Atkinson 39, T. Carpenter 38-391

Captain Crabbe 41, Maybe 38, O. Oss

Crabbe's team wins by 25 points.

#### A New Engineer.

John Marshall, who has been well known here for a long time as an electrician, engineer and swimming champion, is now a member of the Honolulu Fire Department. He was yesterday scribe that they may begin again. installed by Chief Hunt as engineer at No. 1 house, on King street. Marshall is a reliable man and a first-class one ceeds Chas. Williams. Mr. Williams held the place but a short time, when he made up his mind to take a trip. His service was in every way satisfac-

#### Death of an I fant.

Shortly after 12 m. vesterday, John Thomas, the five months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Waterhouse died bill. It ought not to be dealt with sum- ing for the placing of that Island in at the home in Nuuanu from malaria reputation as a cook, and other the First Judicial District. Referred. fever. The child had been ill for only two days. The funeral will take place from the home in Nuuanu at 10 a. m.

#### New Corporation Officers.

The Koloa Agricultural Co., Ltd., has elected the following officers and board of directors for the ensuing year: W. O. Smith, president; A. J. Smith, vicepresident: J. K. Farley, secretary; W. auditor.

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The "Advertised Letter" list is published this morning.

Wm. Eassie and party will leave for Alaska in about a fortnight. Peter Dennishon, Hawaiian Consul

at Glasgow, Scotland, is dead. The marriage engagement is announ-

ced of Miss Helen Wilder to Frank A Four miles of track of the Waialua

extension of the Oahu Railway is now ready for use. A son was born to the wife of Am-

erican Minister Harold M. Sewall yesterday morning. On Saturday evening of this week, the new organ at Bishop Memorial chapel, Kamehameha, will be dedicat-

By the Gaelic and Alameda there will reach the Islands eighteen Cook tourists. All of them will visit the Volcano.

The Government garrison flag was at half-mast Saturday as a mark of respect to the dead of the U. S. Battleship Maine.

The call to Rev. S. S. Palmer to come to the pulpit of the Central Union church will go forward by the mail this afternoon. Theo. H. Davies will give a large

party to the workmen of the Hono-Yesterday the jury rendered a ver-

dict in favor of the Makee Sugar Company in the suit brought against it by Nakamura, et al., Japanese. The Supreme Court decided yester-

day that Yoshima and Sagata Tsumication to the Committee on Public kichi, the two Japanese convicted of Overtures have been made to Princes

struction of a four-lap bicycle race Ahmi, the wealthy Maui rice planter, settled his \$10,000 suit for dam-Representative Robertson read the ages against Sheriff Baldwin and Dep-

> day. The route committee of the Honoreport to the directors yesterday, proposing routes heretofore mentioned in this paper.

> It is said that there are yet to arrive at least two more horses from the Coast for the races on March 17. The local horses are now all doing most promising work.

> There was a large number of Klondikers aboard the Aorangi. They feel ing them up on the cold barren re-

There was a very large congregation at Central Union Sunday morning Representative Kahaulelio introduc- to hear a sermon by Rev. Father Frear, ed a resolution to the effect that an who was for ten years pastor of the

The name of Tom Williams is in the gineer and has friends here, having Representative Kahaulelio introduc- made several trips to Honolulu in the

> The impression is quite general among the officers of the Baltimore that, in case of trouble with Spain, the patch the Baltimore to the Phillipine Islands, a Spanish possession.

In a letter to Mr. J. G. Spencer of the Pacific Hardware Co., A. Lidgate, of Hamakua Plantation highly recommends the Secretary disc plow as sold by the above firm. Read full particulars in another column of this paper.

The Honolulu Iron Works Company machines and vehicles of a similar Cooke, secretary, and T. R. Keyworth, auditor.

The Zealandia finished discharging her general cargo yesterday afternoon and will sail for San Francisco at 4 p. Captain Hingley's sweeping challenge m. today. She will not take many passengers but her cargo will be large. Included in this will be 17,000 bags of closed. Contains 31 pockets 41/2x101/2 Dr. Capron was to have left for Van-

couver on the Aorangi with his wife consider what was the best thing for ernment, was taken up for second reading. The sum of \$9,439 for the C. & A. Campbell 34, W. Gahan 40, G. Lucas that the Government wished him to evils, which was the greater, a license

could be found

In St. Andrew's Cathedral Sunday morning, the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh referred very feelingly to the disaster which recently overtook the battleship Maine in Cuban waters and referred created in many families thereby.

Sunday was the last of the pheasant season in consequence of which fact a large number of the sportsmen were down in the country with their guns anxious to make a good showing to tide over until the game laws pre-

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